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SOVIET EXPLOITATION OF SATELLITES; OPPRESSIVE MEASURES

POLISH FACTORIES PRODUCE FOR USSR -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 17 Feb 53

A ball-bearing factory at Warsaw works exclusively for the USSR. The Lublin automotive repair works also operates exclusively for the Soviets by repairing Soviet tanks. The railroad car factory at Radom has converted its equipment to produce Soviet railroad cars.

POLISH ARTISTIC CENTERS CONTROLLED BY FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY -- Istanbul, Aksam, 26 Dec 52

Munich, 25 December -- In Poland, one must belong to the USSR-Polish Friendship Society to be able to go to museums, to libraries, to concerts, to the seashore, etc. This order was imposed by the USSR. The Polish people are afraid to go to these places because of strict surveillance. Knowledge of Russian is a prerequisite to membership. Resignation from the society is not permitted.

PERSECUTION OF TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 27 Feb 53

Persecution of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria is continuously increasing. The Security Police have recently arrested many Turkish intellectuals living in Plovdiv and Stalin.

COMPULSORY LABOR IN RUMANIA INCREASED -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 8 Mar 53

According to information from Bucharest, compulsory labor in Rumania has increased by 92.3 percent since 1948. A total of 1,200,000 more men, women, and young people have been working since 1948 in Rumanian factories and projects. However, the Rumarian Communist leaders still seem to be dissatisfied and are seeking to recruit 887,000 more workers so as to meet the high Soviet production demands for petroleum and coal. These workers will be recruited from among

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(a) farmers whose farms have been confiscated because of collectivism; (b) persons of the middle class, former small business men who have lost their business; and (c) youths and women who work in heavy industries to avoid the hard-labor concentration camps. There are already about 610,000 women workers, and it is estimated that this number will be doubled. Also, the recruitment of 14-yearold youths has started.

SOVIET CONTROL OF RUMANIAN TELEPHONE SYSTEM -- Istanbul, Aksam, 18 Jan 53

Munich, 17 January -- It is reported that the telephone system in Rumania is completely controlled by the Soviets.

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